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AMENDMENT TO DEVELOP FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the different Food Acts to develop the food processing industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Acts which are likely to be repealed or merged into one consolidated Act;

(d) whether the Government also propose to protect the interest of the consumers; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) to (e): Department of Food processing Industries (DFPI) organized four regional Seminars at Calcutta, Mumbai, Bangalore and Lucknow to elicit regional inputs towards formulation of National Food Processing Policy. In these seminars, there was a general consensus that apart from formulation of national policy on food processing, an appropriate development oriented legislation to be conceived as present enactments are impeding the growth of the sector. Accordingly, an Approach Paper towards formulation of a Processed Food Development Act encompassing development requirements including food standards has been prepared and circulated to various Central Government Departments, State Governments, Industry Associations, Research & Development Organization and Experts.